

21 Cornhill, Boston, Sept. 14,

Dear Sir;

We have conferred together, informally, on your proposition, & I regret desire, — that the Semi-ann. Meetg. should be postponed. — We agree to the same, on account of your urgency, and I have just sent you a telegraphic message to that effect, which I hope you will get promptly.

We postpone to Wed. & Thursday, November 2^d & 3^d. This will give persons at a distance 2 days to get there, & 2 to get home, during the week. — It will also ~~enable~~ ^{enable} Mr. Garrison to be present, on his return from his Western engagements. — At that time, too, it is more likely that W. Phillips can be with us, than at any time much earlier. Will you then engage Wistin's Hall for Nov. 2^d & 3^d?

The telegraphic communication you sent to Mr. Garrison on Friday last was not delivered here until Monday (3 days) — too

late to be of any use. Such work
should not be paid for. The operator here
says that the Northern Line was down on
the first ^{named} 2 days. If so, they should not
have undertaken to send forward your
message; - and, as a small amende,
should now return you the fee you paid.

I saw Mrs. Alcott last evening. She
was well - has a laborious winter in
prospect, she says, but is in good spirits
about it, - save as to Anna, whose eyes
disqualify her for ~~a good~~ many things.

I wish we could hear that cousin
Lucretia was quite restored. Please
give my best regards to her & to Charlotte,
and to all your family.

My brother Frederick has met with
a severe affliction, in the death of his
young wife - Eleanor Goddard. They were

married only 1st of the last Decr. Last Wednesday she gave birth to a little girl, and four days after died. She was quite ill for nearly 10 days previous, not able to keep any nourishment on her stomach. Thus ~~she lost~~ her strength, when she wanted it most. Yesterday was a sad day for us all, when we buried her at Forest Hills Cemetery. Poor Fred. is greatly overcome. — The little child lives, & seems perfectly well.

I am. Affectionately yours

Rev. S. J. May.

Sam, May Jr

P.S. I have sent you recently several No. of the Antislavery Advocate. Did you ever get some 2 dozen (or so) copies of Annu. Rept. Mass. A. S. Society I sent you? — early last May I should say.—

Saw May in
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